



Colorado Crop Progress

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Agricultural Summary: Sunny and dry weather brought higher than normal temperatures across Colorado. Producers in the southern mountain regions experienced higher than normal precipitation for the week while the rest of the state received less than average precipitation. These conditions allowed farmers 6.2 days in the field.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	25	68	1
Last Week	3	12	83	2
Last Year	0	27	62	11

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	24	69	1
Last Week	3	14	82	1
Last Year	2	37	54	7

Small Grains: Winter wheat harvest is progressing rapidly with 85 percent harvested by the end of the week. This remains slightly behind the 5-year average, and the crop continues to be rated in mostly good condition. Spring barley had 54 percent turning color and three percent harvested with the crop rated in mostly good condition. Spring wheat was 54 percent turning color with two percent harvested by week's end. The crop remained in mostly good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was 45 percent silked, one percent was in dough and rated in good condition by the end of the week. Sorghum was 20 percent headed, eight percentage points behind the 5-year average and 12 percent had turned color, three percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. The crop was rated in mostly good condition. Sunflowers were rated in mostly good to fair condition. Dry onions and sugarbeets continue to be rated in mostly good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT 1/

Week ending July 25, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	1	19	72	8
Last Year	0	0	3	59	38
Spring Wheat					
This Week	2	3	24	62	9
Last Year	0	0	22	67	11

Summer and fall potatoes were reported in mostly good condition at the end of the week. Dry beans are 52 percent flowered, ahead of the 5-year average of 46 percent, while maintaining mostly good to fair condition.

Pasture, Range and Hay: Conditions for pasture and range across Colorado remained consistent with last week. Currently, they are rated in mostly good to fair condition. The second cutting of alfalfa continues with 61 percent complete compared with 56 percent for the 5-year average. The alfalfa hay crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were at average for the week. Stored feed supplies remain at average for this time of year and livestock are rated in mostly good condition.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 25, 2010

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2010	1	11	38	39	11
Prev. Year - 2009	0	2	24	62	12
5-Year Avg.	13	18	34	31	4

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 25, 2010

<u>Item</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>5-Yr Avg.</u>
Winter Wheat				
Harvested	85	60	67	88
Spring Barley				
Turning Color	54	47	63	71
Harvested	3	N/A	7	5
Spring Wheat				
Turning Color	54	34	42	54
Harvested	2	N/A	4	4
Corn				
Silked	45	11	37	42
Dough	1	N/A	4	3
Sorghum				
Headed	20	13	24	28
Coloring	12	5	14	9
Dry Beans				
Flowered	52	48	43	46
Alfalfa				
2 nd Cutting	61	42	39	56

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

<u>Item</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Excellent</u>
Livestock	0	1	11	77	11
Corn	0	1	8	69	22
Sorghum	0	1	11	77	11
Dry Onions	1	1	14	67	17
Dry Beans	3	3	38	49	7
Alfalfa	0	5	27	53	15
Sugarbeets	0	0	7	77	16
Summer Potatoes	0	0	0	88	12
Fall Potatoes	0	0	20	69	11
Sunflowers	1	2	25	62	10

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.